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We receive many calls in our office from individuals interested in obtaining more information on their historic property or other buildings they are researching. Of course, the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission office has an extensive amount of information on the locally designated historic districts. This information includes a complete history on each neighborhood and its significance, as well as an individual building file for each property that falls within the historic district boundaries. We also have limited Sanborn Atlas information and copies of photographs from the Bass Photo Collection. Below is a list of those resources most often used and which provide the most extensive information. A complete listing is available in our offices at no charge and can be obtained by calling us at 327-4406.

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana

Kemper House/Central Regional Office
1028 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis
(317)639-4534

Building and architect information, much of it resulting from National Register Nominations they have prepared. Also, design consultation and grants to Not For Profits for preservation projects

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana

Heritage Preservation Center
340 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis
(317)639-4534

Extensive reference library on restoration, architectural style, Indiana history and preservation practice.

Indiana State Library

140 N. Senate, Indianapolis
(317)232-3668

Clipping files on a myriad of subjects, City Directories, maps and atlases, county histories and picture books, and a collection of photographs. They also have a good obituary and newspaper index.

Indiana Historical Society Library

450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis
(317)232-1879

Maps and atlases (Sanborn Atlases on microfilm), histories, and the extensive photographic collection of Bass photos. Architectural archives including some drawings and specifications, Ethnic Archives, and Black History Archives.

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library

40 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis
(317)269-1700

Collection of City Directories, histories, and some clipping files containing information on significant buildings and prominent residents.

State Historic Preservation Office

Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis
(317)232-1646

National Register nominations, Township Surveys, and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

We encourage you to come into our office to see what we have and hopefully we can help you with your unsolved mysteries.